

The physical plane materialism so common to the Taurus North Node manifested itself through the ashrams, healing centers, and retreats that Yogananda established. He was guided to do this so that long after his physical life was over, the world could still feel the impact of his message.

This horoscope is a fine example of how the pure science of astrology is still in its infancy. If one were to attempt interpretation according to currently-accepted standards the reading might be as follows:

Venus in Sagittarius opposed by Neptune in Gemini shows inconstancy in love, plus much lower mind confusion. Mercury in its fall in Sagittarius trine Jupiter in Aries indicates tendencies to jump to conclusions, and scatter oneself into unconnected areas.

The Leo Moon shows too much ego stemming from an overbearing mother. In addition it is one of the indicators of excessive alcoholism, Mars conjunct Jupiter in Aries denotes selfishness, while the Capricorn Sun turns the whole chart **NEGATIVE**.

While each one of these statements has been shown to be empirically true for great numbers of people, not a single one is accurate here!

There are souls who have evolved to a higher astrology, and Yogananda was one of them. Having complete mastery over the Emotional Plane, no astrological statement based on personality would be applicable. When the great mystic left his physical body for the last time, observers noted that for more than 20 days there was not the slightest indication of bodily decay. Yogananda had also mastered the Physical Plane!

There is no limit to the levels of regeneration that the Scorpio South Node could have achieved in past incarnations. In addition, the Taurus North Node symbolizes the Eye of Illumination in the body of God.

MAHATMA GANDHI

Here we see the powerful impact of the Leo North Node. Its 10th house placement within 3 degrees of the Midheaven accounted for Gandhi's enormous strength in overcoming obstacles which eventually earned for him the reputation of being a veritable giant among men.

Leo symbolizes the conquerer, and in his life of service (Libra Sun in the 12th, Neptune in the 6th) Gandhi was able to transform the minds of over 20 million men, women and children without raising a finger.

The Jupiter-Pluto conjunction in his 7th house spelled out the monumental task he was to perform for others. To do this, he first had to commit himself to the complete sacrifice of personal desire (Neptune in Aries in the 6th).

At the time of his birth, India had been thoroughly divided due to age-old British rule. Literally thousands of sects and conflicting groups were preventing the country from reaching unification. Bloodshed in the streets was a common occurrence as each faction battled for its own supremacy. The 4th house indicates the ways in which one sees one's homeland, and with Gandhi's South Node there, he would have seen how the Aquarian individualism, with all its accompanying rebelliousness to any order, was indeed killing the country he loved so dearly.

In a land that had already witnessed so much violence, what good could be achieved by one more aggressive approach? Through his Libra Sun, Gandhi chose the opposite path.

Early in life he had become a successful and prosperous lawyer (Saturn in Sagittarius in the 2nd), but ultimately he could not ignore the far greater mission that was to be his destiny. With this same Sagittarius Saturn in the Aries decanate of the sign, he was to strive for liberation through unification. Always dedicated to the principles of his Leo North Node, he strove to bring